

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 are pending. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 2, the only independent claim, has been amended. New drawings are submitted herewith to change "RRIOR ART" to --PRIOR ART-- in Figs. 1A and 1B. No new matter is being added.

The Office Action did not include initialed forms PTO SB 08A from the Information Disclosure Statements dated January 30, 2003, September 17, 2003 and January 26, 2004. It is requested that those forms be initialed and returned with the next Office Action to indicate consideration of the art cited therein. For the convenience of the Examiner, duplicate copies of the forms PTO SB 08A for those three Information Disclosure Statements are enclosed.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,526,296 (Nieminen). Cancellation of claim 1 renders its rejection moot. Applicants submit that independent claim 2 and the claims dependent thereon are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 2 is directed to a folding portable communication unit which is composed of first and second cabinets and a hinge for so supporting the first and second cabinets that they are rotational around the hinge. The foldable communication unit includes: first display/data-input means, which displays first information related to mobile telephone communication, inputs a first data related to the communication, and is situated on an obverse surface of the first and second cabinets, and second display/data-input means which displays second information related to mobile telephone communication, inputs a second data related to the communication, and is situated on a rear cover of the first or second cabinet. The second information can be watched and the second data can be inputted by a user in case that the first and second cabinets are folded.

Nieminen shows a foldable device that in a closed position is a telephone, and in an open position is a PDA. The keypad and display for the outer surface are used for the communication unit, while the keys on the inside of the opened unit are used for the PDA data input, etc.

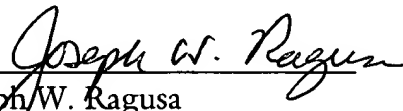
On the other hand, in claim 2, both of the first and second display and data input means are for information *related to mobile telephone communication*. This feature is not taught in Nieminen. Accordingly, claim 2 is believed patentable over Nieminen for at least this reason.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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